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## CERVANTES, VILLA'S CHIEF AIDE, KILLED IN FIGHT AT CRUCES

**Leads Surprise Attack on Detachment of U. S. Engineers, and His Band is Routed—Pershing Says That His Death Means the Scattering of Outlaw Band in Northern Chihuahua—One American is Killed in Engagement—Private is Hero of Sharp Battle.**

Field Headquarters, near Namiquipa, Mex., May 25, via radio to Columbus, N. M., May 26.—Candelario Cervantes, the Villa leader, was killed by American troops south of Cruces today.

Another Mexican, Jose Bencomre, and an American were killed. Two Americans were wounded.

Cervantes' end came after he had made a surprise attack south of Cruces on a detachment of engineers repairing the motor truck road. He was beaten back and pursued into the hills by the engineers who had been reinforced by a detachment of the seventh infantry.

When the engagement began the bandits outnumbered the Americans two to one, there being twenty of them. The engagement lasted almost an hour. Then a detachment of the seventh infantry came and the bandits broke for cover. Private Bullitt was the hero of the fight. His rifle laid low both of the bandits. Cervantes' home was in Namiquipa. He had been a thorn in the side of the army in northern Chihuahua ever since the expedition began. His death probably means the breaking up of the Villa followers in this section.

## SIX ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND STRIKERS AGREE

**Closed Shop and \$4 Minimum Wage Adopted by Many Local Firms.**

Six contractors in the electrical business here have agreed to the closed shop, according to an announcement today by James B. Stoddard, business agent of the Electrical Workers.

The closed shop and a \$4 minimum wage has been established in these shops, according to Mr. Stoddard. The contractors are: J. K. Comstock Co., E. T. Gallagher, Fred Haus and Joseph Smith, who employ several scores of men, have agreed to the union conditions.

The electrical workers went on strike several weeks ago, and since then agreements have been made. The others are bound to fall in line, according to Mr. Stoddard.

"Like General Grant, we propose to fight it out on these lines if it takes all summer," said the union business agent today. "I think there is little doubt of success, because contractors who haven't done electrical work themselves for 15 years or more are now buckling down to the job, taking the places of men who struck."

"Probably a dozen strike breakers are working here but we have turned away scores. We merely mention the fact that there is a strike and they seek jobs elsewhere."

"The closed shop contractors are now getting much business that formerly went to others. It is only a question of time before the latter agree. We want work on an open shop proposition and don't propose to try."

## FIND CONTRACTS FARMED OUT BY GARMENT FIRMS

**Organizer of Strikers' Union Investigates—None Placed in Bridgeport.**

At the headquarters for Connecticut of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, which is in Bridgeport, information was received today that the garment manufacturers in New York, who have strikes at their plants, have "farmed out" much of their work in the Nutmeg State.

According to the reports that are being investigated today (factories in New Haven, Waterbury, New Britain, Norwalk and Stamford, have taken sub-contracts from the New York firms.

Organizer John Pierce of the garment workers' union, is investigating these reports. Today he is in New Haven.

Letting sub-contracts in Connecticut was expected by the union leaders in Bridgeport, from which to maintain surveillance on factories in this state. A report that one factory of this city was taking sub-contracts was investigated and found without foundation.

## THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday, moderate north and northeast winds.

## NAVAL OFFICER TAKES LIFE BY ELECTROCUTION

**Lieut. Alvin Richards Deliberately Seizes Two High-Power Wires.**

**GOES ASHORE AFTER ORDERS FOR SAILING**

**Posing As Government Inspector Gains Entrance to Sag Harbor Plant.**

Sag Harbor, N. Y., May 26.—Lieut. Alvin Richards, commander of the United States destroyer Fanning, was instantly killed by an electric shock in the station of the Sag Harbor Light & Power Co. here early today.

Harry D. Christian, night watchman at the station, said it appeared to him that the lieutenant deliberately committed suicide by taking hold of two wires heavily charged with electricity.

The Fanning was one of a fleet of war vessels which has been maneuvering in Gardiner's Bay and which has made its headquarters here. Many of the men of the fleet were returned to their vessels which were under orders to leave for Newport at 3 a. m. Why Lieutenant Richards was ashore after the orders to sail were issued, is unknown.

Christian said the lieutenant came to the power station two hours before the fleet was to sail and said he was a government inspector. He pushed Christian aside and, walking into the station, picked up two wires, receiving the shock which killed him.

Lieut. J. C. Jennings, commanding the shore station, who took charge of the body, declined to give any information other than that he would report to the navy department.

The Fanning sailed for Newport with the other vessels.

Lieut. Richards was appointed to the navy from Kansas and was 34 years old.

## STAMFORD PAPER SWEEP BY FIRE; \$20,000 DAMAGE

**Two Blocks in Business Center Are Swept By Disastrous Blaze.**

Stamford, May 26.—Damage estimated at about \$20,000 resulted from a fire which started early today in a business block owned by Hyman Frankel and spread to the building of the Stamford Advocate, next door.

The fire started in a photograph studio on the second floor of the Frankel block. The cause is not known.

The chief loser in the Frankel building is Samuel Judd, a hardware dealer, who places his loss at about \$10,000. Other occupants who suffered loss are E. J. Gainer, proprietor of the photographic studio, Otto J. Rohde, proprietor of a barber shop, and Frederick A. Reininger, a dentist.

The Advocate building was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars, the front of the building being partially burned.

The mechanical equipment of the paper in the rear of the building was not injured.

## PRESIDENT WILL OUTLINE WAY TO END WORLD WAR

Washington, May 26.—President Wilson has confirmed to his advisers, it was learned today, that he hopes to make an address before the League to Enforce Peace here tomorrow night which would promote peace. While it would be primarily a discussion of methods of maintaining peace after the European war has ended, it is understood he will also touch upon the immediate situation abroad.

Mr. Wilson has practically completed his speech.

## Four Battleships For Stamford Fete

Stamford, May 26.—A division of four battleships will be sent here to take part in the celebration of the 275th anniversary of the founding of Stamford, June 8 to 11, according to word received today from Washington. The battleships will arrive June 9 and stay three days.

## THIRSTY HORSES MAY DRINK AT HYDRANTS

Means for relieving overheated horses during the summer months are now being arranged through the Animal Rescue League, the United States Boy Scouts, the fire department and the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.

The plans at present contemplated include a relay of scouts from 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 at night, located at convenient hydrants in various sections of the city. Two boys will attach a hydrant with hose and pails to thoroughly wet and give drink to any horses that drivers may wish cared for. They will be on duty daily from June until the 1st of September.

## DR. WAITE TELLS HOW HE PLANNED DEATHS OF MANY

**Dentist Held For Murder of Father-in-Law Under Sharp Grilling.**

**GROUND GLASS AND GERMS HIS TOOLS**

**Didn't Expect As Much As \$2,000,000 By Death of Father-in-Law.**

New York, May 26.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of murdering his father-in-law, John E. Peck, today completed his gruesome recital, unparalleled in the annals of crime in New York.

Waite showed no emotion as he answered the questions of his cross-examiners, and told with a nonchalance of his plans for the death of Peck and other relatives. His testimony left nothing to be done toward proving that he committed murder. The question of the cross-examination was whether his acts were those of a normal person.

Women were excluded from the courtroom when Dr. Waite resumed his witness stand today. Hundreds of persons in the corridors vainly tried to gain admission to the courtroom.

Waite appeared pale but seemed to have braced himself to face the ordeal. His counsel, Walter R. Deuel, said he had only a few more questions to ask the dentist before the cross-examination will be begun.

"Did you ever try to kill your wife?" asked Mr. Deuel. "No," replied Dr. Waite.

"No, never," he replied. "You never thought you might kill her?" "I am not sure that I would not have killed her," said Waite.

Assistant District Attorney Brothers then began the cross-examination of Dr. Waite. The attorney first asked:

"Do you recall telling me that you did not want your wife to learn of your relations with Mrs. Horton?" "No," replied Waite.

Waite folded his arms and regarded the prosecutor as he denied having any general conversation with Mr. Brothers in Dr. Waite's apartment. The doctor said he was surprised to learn that he had given a ring to his nurse. He denied also that he feigned insanity in Bellevue or in the Tombs or that he deliberately planned a false defense or read books on nervous diseases.

Waite declared he did not tell District Attorney Swann and Mr. Brothers while in Bellevue hospital that the "man from Egypt" had killed John E. Peck.

"Are you crazy?" asked Mr. Brothers. "I think not."

"After you took Mr. Peck's life you could not sleep, could you?" "I slept perfectly," said Waite.

"You wanted to kill yourself, did you?" "Yes."

"Why didn't you kill yourself?" "I made a pretty good attempt at it," replied Waite.

"You planned Peck's death to win \$2,000,000, didn't you?" "No, not that much."

The prisoner denied that he had schemed to kill John E. Peck as early as last February.

Questions by the cross-examiner were framed with the evident intent to show that the crimes to which the prisoner had confessed were of a nature that did not call for personal daring.

Waite denied that his evidence yesterday was devised with the purpose of developing a defense of insanity. Justice Shearn, before whom Waite is being tried, then took up the questioning, and asked him if he knew it was wrong to steal. Waite said he did.

"You were a member of a Christian Endeavor Society? You learned it was wrong to take human life and against the laws of God?" "I don't remember."

Mr. Deuel then resumed direct examination. Waite said his memory was not perfect, he supposed, because of drugs. The prisoner identified several letters he wrote in Bellevue hospital and a poem, saying he had written poetry for several years. He said that when he wrote the poem he suspected that he was charged with murder.

Waite having been permitted to leave the witness stand, Miss Catherine Peck, sister of the late John E. Peck, next called Mr. Deuel.

Miss Peck said she accepted Waite as what he appeared to be, and to him to look after his business matters to him to look after. Miss Peck smiled as he recalled her narrow escape from death.

"I ate some of the marmalade," she said. "When I opened the jar again I found it full of something like sand. I took it back to the store and the proprietor apologized."

After answering other questions in corroboration of Waite's testimony, Miss Peck was excused.

## EAGER SWAIN HELD UP FOR SPEEDING

James Gralpin, aged 21, a jitney driver who described his residence to the police as 510 Shelton street, when arrested for reckless driving last night, paid a fine of \$10 in court this morning because of his anxiety to keep company with a pretty girl.

## DRINKING CLUBS OUTWIT CLERGY; CHANGE NAMES AND GET BAR LICENSES

## ALMOST ON EVE OF HIS WEDDING YOUNG MACHINIST SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK OF DREAD SPOTTED FEVER.

Spotted fever claimed another victim last evening when Adolph Antpusat, aged 26, of 274 Bunnell street, died. Antpusat's wedding day had been set for the first week in June.

Antpusat was ill two weeks, attended by Dr. Jacob W. Gerber. His family and friends had hoped for a recovery but this week his condition grew worse until last night, when he succumbed.

He was a machinist and a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran church. His family came here from Brooklyn, N. Y., not long ago.

Antpusat is survived by his father, John; brothers, John, August, Ludwig, Henry and Carl, and three sisters, Anna, Emma and Martha Antpusat.

## ATLAS BUYS HIS HOTEL PROPERTY; WANTS LICENSE

**Says He Plans to Conduct Business So None Can Make Objection.**

Prof. James Atlas has purchased from the Thomas P. Taylor estate the property where his hotel and Turkish bath located in the Fairview avenue. Papers in the transaction were passed a few days ago. The hotel is a three story concrete building erected about 10 years ago. It was built for the professor and was the L. building of modern construction for business purposes that was erected in the neighborhood. It was first conducted as a Turkish bath establishment but later after extensive alterations to the interior, Atlas added a restaurant and hotel to the business.

Several years ago he instituted a cabaret show. The county commissioners on the strength of remonstrances backed by the officials of neighboring and local churches recently refused him a renewal of his license. Prof. Atlas then appealed to the Superior court and his appeal will be heard soon. He then discontinued the cabaret and has since conducted his hotel for men only.

In speaking of his purchase today Prof. Atlas said:

"It is my intention to conduct a strictly 'stag' hotel here and not to have anything that will be objected to by my neighbors or anyone else. Bridgeport has been my home for a number of years. I have worked hard to establish a business and I believe I am putting it on a better foundation by owning the property where it is located. I expect to make my home here the rest of my days and I want the good will of my neighbors as well as everyone else. I am sure that if the court sees fit to renew my license now no one will have any complaint to make about the place I will conduct."

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Gralpin evaded a traffic officer at Barnum and Noble avenues last night. In the seat with him was a girl. When told to stop, Gralpin refused to comply with the order. He told the police that he was anxious to reach Beardsley park, where he might prosecute his courtship.

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## SECRETARY LANSING OUT.

Washington, May 26.—Secretary Lansing attended the cabinet meeting today after having been confined to his home by an attack of indigestion for nearly a week.

## JAMES J. HILL ILL.

St. Paul, May 26.—Dr. William Mayo, surgeon, of Rochester, Minn., is being rushed to St. Paul on a special train to attend James J. Hill, who is ill at his home here.

## Acorn, Oxford and Other Political Organizations Useful to Administration Adopt New Designations and County Commissioners Grant Them Much Contested Rights.

**First Information To Remonstrants That They Had Been Tricked Comes From The Farmer—Royal Social Club, Twice Denied The Right To Dispense Liquor, Succeed.**

It was learned today that by means of the simple scheme of changing their names, five local clubs against which remonstrances had been filed, were recently granted liquor licenses by the county commissioners. The action was kept quiet and Attorney A. J. Merrill, who represented local clergymen who remonstrated, was surprised when informed by The Farmer that the licenses had been granted.

The names of the clubs which received licenses are: Akron club, formerly known as Acorn club; Borough, formerly known as East End; Longacre, formerly called Liberty A. C.; and Keystone, formerly named Royal Social.

The applications were advertised in order to comply with the law but because of the change in names the remonstrants did not suspect these organizations were the identical ones to which objections had been made. Attorney Henry Greenman represented all except the Oxford club.

The Keystone club is a colored organization but the membership of the other four consists of white persons. As the Royal Social had been denied a license by the commissioners because neighbors remonstrated against the license made by members. Then the club moved to Water street and upon applying a second time was again turned down.

The plea was made to the commissioners that the law had no place in this city where they can purchase drinks. If they go into a saloon and ask for a glass of beer the bartender says "it will cost you \$1." They are not allowed to sit in cabarets and cooling beverages. They pleaded that they ought to be given a license so they could gather and drink without being molested.

The scheme, copied from a plan used in Hartford to outwit remonstrants. The clubs held meetings and voted to change their names. Then new papers were filed with the secretary of state in Hartford and applications were filed for licenses. No remonstrances were filed against the newly named organizations within the time required by law. Thereupon counsel for the five clubs went to the county commissioners to demand licenses. As no written objection had been filed the commissioners had no alternative but to grant the licenses.

It was understood several months ago that the city administration was opposed to some of the clubs which had filed applications for licenses. The applications were placed in a cabinet after a blanket remonstrance had been filed. Meanwhile just before the last city election was held on the bonding question word of the clubs was spread among political workers, that if members of certain clubs located in East Bridgeport worked hard in favor of the bonds, favorable action might be expected on the license matter.

The club members evidently took this advice to heart for there was great activity in the sections of East Bridgeport where four of these clubs are located and the majority for the bonds in the Tenth and Eleventh districts was unusually large. After the election administration leaders withdrew opposition to the clubs.

Wholesale and retail liquor dealers have been opposed to the mushroom clubs from the first, however, and they were indignant today when they learned of the scheme employed by the organizations. Dealers say it is unjust that they are forced to pay \$750 a year for a license on which they can sell only six days a week while clubs pay \$100 a year and can dispense liquor on Sundays as well as week days.

The dealers' objection of a blanket remonstrance does not apply to bona fide organizations but to small clubs which it is claimed, were formed solely for the purpose of getting revenue for liquor sales.

Of those included in the original list against which the remonstrance was filed the following applications have been refused by the commissioners: Golden Inn, Elm Country club of Westport, and Tappan's Improvement society of Stratford. The Bridgeport Gaelic Athletic club and the Young Emmet club were given licenses as it was shown that these were bona fide organizations and that no individuals derived profit from the sale of liquor.

New York, May 26.—Robert Fay, former lieutenant in the German army, who recently was sentenced to serve eight years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta for plotting to blow up vessels carrying munitions to the entente allies, was today granted a stay of one week before starting for Atlanta. Fay's counsel asked for the stay to perfect his appeal and to attempt to obtain \$50,000 bail.

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